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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: Upcoming CALFED Policy Group Meetings

The upcoming meetings of the CALFED Policy Group are scheduled for Thursday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 m. Both meetings will be held in Room 1131. A draft agenda is attached which outlines the items to be addressed on each day (Attachment 1). Also attached is a summary of the July 2 Policy Group meeting (Attachment 2).

We have added the second morning session to provide an overview of component integration and describe an example alternative highlighting some possible operating assumptions. This should benefit CALFED members to help them understand the role of some of the components, level of detail issues for the preferred alternative, and the tradeoffs that will need to be made in evaluation of the alternatives. If you have specific concerns or questions regarding the briefing, please call Sharon Gross at (916) 657-2666.

Also attached is a document which describes the two-step evaluation process that will be utilized to select the draft preferred alternative (Attachment 3). At the upcoming meeting, we will briefly summarize Step 1, the Narrowing Process, and present recommendations of Alternatives to be eliminated from further evaluation through application of the criteria. These recommendations and supporting documents are being reviewed and revised and will be discussed at Program Coordination Team (PCT) meetings on July 31 and August 13.

Additionally, at the upcoming meeting, we will also provide an overview of Step 2, the Detailed Evaluation, highlighting the distinguishing characteristics which will be used to evaluate alternatives.

A packet of material to prepare for the August meetings containing decision memorandums, updates of programs, and other supporting material will be mailed by August 7. If you have any comments concerning the agenda, please contact Sharon Gross by August 1.

Attachments

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service